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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. 1 to 2

Part B for November 1950

SUBJECT

History of Order, Decorations & Medals & details of their Institutions & Reason of award.

WD 010861—GPB—25,000—18-9-50

Serial No.

Letter No. PH 5/49-SD dt 8-12-1949 from the Private Secy to HH forwarding a copy of letter dt 3-12-1949 from the Huzur Secy to HH the Maharaja of Dharangadhara, asking for information re: orders, decorations and medals as at exists or used to exist for being awarded as orders, decorations & Medals Research Society & Gratuities

1) When the Private Secretary to HH the Maharaja of Dharangadhara wanted similar information to be furnished to the National Geographic Society, Washington for being published in National Geographic Magazine it was thought that it was unnecessary to furnish the information

2) It is for orders whether the information has to be furnished to the Society. No reference has been received in this connection yet from the Society

3) The typed note put up herewith answers the first two items of information

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

Information to orders, decorations & Medals, Research Society

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required. ~~~ There are no spare copies of designs which could be conveniently made available in the Branch for being sent to the Society. Newspapers have been presented for the jewels.

CKO
13/1/50.

24/5/50. 5) Please put up a draft letter forwarding the note.

24.5.50.

6) Two opts are put up for orders

CKO
24/5/50.

7) The note put up gives only the reasons of the award, but not the historical details showing the origin and development of the Gandharunda Order and medals.

8) Although the matter has already been delayed, it may be desirable, even at the risk of some more delay, to get a well-documented note prepared for transmission abroad. Such a note may be of permanent value.

9) The Palace Office may be in a better position to undertake this

4) The delay is regretted. Explanation is placed below. Mistake is due to linking it with a wrong file.

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gives reasons of award and a brief detail about the nature of award. The history of award as narrated in the Huzur Secretary's note may be brought on to this office note. A synthesis of both the notes may present as to a considerable degree the information required by the Society.

20) The Society requests for the photographs and few inches of ribbon. Wherein this request may not be possible to comply with.

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21) Please put up a draft accordingly.

22) Please see whether a Complete set of designs is not available.

22.9.50

23) Submitted A set of designs is not available in the Branch. Draft letter is put up requesting the Huzur Secretary to send a two sets of photographic copies of designs of Ganda berunda Jewels.

24) Note will be forwarded to the Society soon after the receipt of photographs from palace. The draft is for approval.

4/10.

25) Issue
Sd/-
4/10/50

4.10.50

Issued letter No. 9677/CB dated 4/10/1950 to the Huzur Secretary, Mysore.

Note regarding grant of titles and medals

File No. 3455/CB & 4303/CB of 19

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26) Submitted with draft & reminder for approval

28/10/50

27) Issue
sd/-
30/10/50

28.10.50.

Issued Reminder No. 10948/CB dated 30/10/1950 to the Huzur Secretary to His Highness, Mysore

Letter No. A-2/128-48/50-51/2 dated 1st November 1950 from the Huzur Secretary to His Highness Mysore stating that photographic copies of the designs of Gandaberunda Jewels are not available in his office and that the original designs were returned to the Dewan on the 23rd July 1942

28) Submitted photographic copies of designs are not available in CB. A draft letter is put up to the Secretary of the Society forwarding two notes on the subject for consideration

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3/11/50.

29) Please put up fair copies.

3.11.50.

30) Fair copies are put up for approval

8/11/50.

(Chief Secy)

31) Issue
sd/-
10/11/50

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CHIEF SECRETARY
11 NOV 1950
GOVT. OF MYS.

10.11.50.

32) Why not we send the Coloured drawings and get them back?

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Enc. 1.

Park House,

Mysore, 8th December 1949

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT 9-DEC 1949 HOME DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith, for favour disposal, copy of letter dated the 3rd December 1949 from the Huzur Secretary to H.H.the Maharaja of Dhrangadhra, asking for information regarding Orders, Decorations and Medals as exist or used to exist in the State, for being forwarded to the Orders, Decorations and Medals Research Society of Great Britain.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary
to H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore.

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVT. OF MYSORE 9 DEC 1949

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GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT 10 1949 CONFD

Huzur Office,
Ajitniwas Palace,
DHRANGADHRA, 3rd December 1949.

No.C/3-3.

Dear Sir,

His Highness the Maharaja Rajasaheb of Dhrangadhra has been approached by the Orders, Decorations, and Medals Research Society of Great Britain, with a request that he should use his good offices with his brother Princes to obtain such information as would be of use and interest to the Society.

The name of the Society indicates its purpose and interest and they would be most grateful for any information and material (illustrative list subjoined) that you can supply them as regards Orders, Decorations, and Medals, as exist or used to exist in your State. This may very kindly be sent, under intimation to me, to the Honorary Secretary & Treasurer of the Society.

L.F.Guille Esqr.,
3 Lapworth Court,
6 Fourth Avanue,
Hove 3,
SUSSEX
(United Kingdom)

I am particularly desired by His Highness to request you very kindly to place this letter before His Highness Your Ruler for his gracious perusal and orders.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.....

For Huzur Secretary.

1. History of Order, Decorations, and Medals, and details of their institution (e.g., copies of orders issued in this behalf)
2. Reasons of award.
3. Photographs.
4. Few inches of ribbon.

To

The Private Secretary
to His Highness the Maharaja Saheb of Mysore,
Mysore.

(Copy)

Brief Note regarding Grant of Titles and Medals.

The Public services rendered by persons are recognised by the grant of:-

(1) Titles;

(2) Public Service Medals:

(3) Certificates signed by the Dewan or the Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

The titles and the medals are awarded to the persons concerned by His Highness the Maharaja in open Durbar usually during the Birthday of His Highness the Maharaja every year. The certificates are signed by the Dewan or the Deputy Commissioners as the case may be and sent on to the parties. All the awards are announced in the Mysore Gazette for public information.

A brief account of the circumstances relating to the award of each of these classes of honours, is given below:-

TITLES:- These are awarded in specially deserving cases and are bestowed on high officers of Government who have served the State loyally and with conspicuous ability, on distinguished scholars and on persons who have established charities on a large scale or rendered public services deserving of very special recognition. The name of the title to be conferred is specially selected in respect of each individual awardee to befit the particular service proposed to be recognised.

Each title is accompanied by a Jewel and Khillats (a pair of Shawls, lace turban, etc.), whose value varies according to the class of title. For this purpose the titles are divided into seven classes, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 and D. The Jewels of the first six classes are in the form of necklace with a pendant bearing the Gandabherunda design (which is the emblem of the Royal House) and that of the last class, is in the form of a 'Thoda' (Bangle). These are made of Gold and precious stones.and

The Jewels of A1 Class is awarded to persons of the status of Dewan or High Sirdars.

A2 Class to officers of the status of the Chief Justice, that of B1 Class to Ministers of Council and Judges of the High Court; B2 Class to important Heads of Departments; C1 and C2 Class to other officers and to prominent non-official gentlemen. The D Class Jewel is awarded to men of high literary attainments, musicians, etc.

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDALS. These are awarded to persons who have contributed towards the public and charitable objects, sums ranging from about Rs.10,000/- to Rs.25,000/- or who have rendered signal public service in other ways by serving on public bodies, etc. These medals are cast in Gold and are of two sizes, weighing $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{1}{2}$ soverigns. These are also awarded by His Highness the Maharaja in open Durbar along with khillats (of lesser value than in the case of titles)

CERTIFICATES:- These are given in approved printed forms signed either by the Dewan or by the Deputy Commissioner according to the degree of recognition intended. They are intended to be awarded for recognising public service of a somewhat lower merit than that expected in the case of awards of public service medals. These awards are not presented by His Highness in Durbars but certificates are merely sent to the persons concerned and the names or the awards are published in the Gazette.

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Section

File No.

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No.

To

The Huzur Secy to H.H.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue.....

Signed by.....

Sir.

With ref to letter No
P.H 5/49-50 dt 8/12/49 from the
Private Secy to H.H forwarding
for disposal copy of letter
dt 6-12-1949 from the Huzur
Secretary to H.H the Maharaja of
Kharangadara requesting ~~that~~
information regarding Orders,
Decorations and Medals
which exist-ed and do exist-ed in
the State ~~may~~ being furnished
to the Orders, Decorations
and Medals Research
Society of Great Britain
I am directed to ~~request~~
You to be so good as to
send the historical details
showing the origin and
development of the Ganda-
bherunda Orders and
medals, referring forwarded

Say that it is necessary to get a well-documented note prepared for transmission abroad. A copy of a brief note prepared in the Secty. is enclosed. This note gives the reasons of the award in each case but not

List of enclosures.....

the historical details showing the origin and development of

Copied by.....

the Gandabherunda Orders and Medals. I am, therefore, to request You Kindly to arrange

Examined by.....

to forward a ~~copy~~ note based on the records of the Palace Offices to supplement the information contained in the Secty. note.

WD 06171—GPB—30,000—4-6-49

to the Society to enable this office to prepare a note for being furnished to the Orders, decorations and Medals Research Society of Great Britain.

An early reply is requested.

Yours faithfully

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for Chief Secretary to Govt.
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31st May 50

The Huzur Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja,
Mysore.

With reference to letter No.P.H.5/49-50 dated 8th December 1949 from the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja forwarding for disposal copy of letter dated 3rd December 1949 from the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Dharangadhra, requesting information regarding Orders, Decorations and Medals which exist or used to exist in the State being furnished to the Orders, Decorations and Medals Research Society of Great Britain, I am directed to say that it is necessary to get a well-documented note prepared for transmission abroad. A copy of a brief note prepared in the Secretariat is enclosed. This note gives the reasons of the award in each case but not the historical details showing the origin and development of the Gandabherunda Orders and Medals. I am, therefore, to request you kindly to arrange to forward a note based on the records of the Palace Offices to supplement the information contained in the Secretariat Note.

An early reply is requested.

Yours faithfully,

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31/5/50
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.
CKS

No. 7017/CB Dt. 31.2.50

REMINDER

To,

The Huzur Secretary,

to His Highness the Maharaja,

Mysore.

Sir,

Subject Note regarding grant of Titles and medals.

Reference This office letter No. 3771/CB dated 31st May 1950

Reply to the letter may Kindly be expedited.

Yours faithfully

31/2/50
for Chief Secretary

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No. 8591/CB.

8-5-9-50
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Reminder

To,

The Huzur Secretary,

To His Highness The Maharaja,

Mysore

Sir,

Subject Note regarding grant of titles and medals.

Reference This office letter No. 3771/CB Dated 31st May 1950

Reply may kindly be expedited. early.

It may be intimated as to when the note asked for may be expected.

Yours faithfully

Jemp 4-9-50
for Chief Secretary

KRS

H-9-50

NOTE ON THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GANDABHERUNDA ORDER.

The Gandabherunda Orders were created in 1892 by a Proclamation of His Highness the late Maharaja Sri Chamarajendra Wadiyar Bahadur of revered memory.

The Gandabherunda Order of titles were conferred in recognition of:-

1. Meritorious service rendered by public servants.

2. Voluntary acts of private philanthropy for a public cause.

3. Service rendered to the cause of learning.

In the beginning there were four classes of titles, A,B,C and D, each with certain jewels and khillats attached to it as given below:-

Class	Description of Jewels	Value of Jewels	Value of Khillats
A	Precious stone chain with Padaka	Rs.4215/-	Rs.746/-
B	Pearl Chain and Padaka	Rs.1800/-	Rs.482/-
C	Gold Chain and Padaka	Rs.1044/- Rs.1029/-	Rs.443/- Rs.312/-
D	Gold Bangle	Rs.1050/-	Rs.181/-

The titles used to be conferred by His Highness from the Throne on the European Durbar Day during Dasara festivities. It is not known how long this practice continued but latterly, special Durbars were held in Kalyan Mantap after Vijayadasami for conferring the titles. Since the year 1942 the awards have been made during the Birthday festivities except in the year 1943 when the awards were made during the Dasara.

Since the inception of the Gandabherunda Order in 1892, there have been several changes in the value of the Khillats and jewels as in the classification of the titles. The changes in the value of the jewels were mainly due to the fluctuations in the value of gold and precious stones and of the articles presented as Khillats. In some instances changes in the value of jewels and Khillats followed changes in the classification of the titles.

It appears to have been felt after 1940 that the old division of titles into four broad classes, viz.,A,B,C and D could not meet the requirements of all cases. Accordingly new classes were brought into existence as follows:-

Class B2.:- This was created in 1941 and the titles of this class were above C class and below B class. On the creation of this order certain holders of C class titles were promoted to the B2 class. In certain cases retrospective effect was given to the new order and C class title-holders who were given titles in 1932 and after were in certain cases brought into B2 class. In subsequent years B2 class titles came to be regularly awarded.

Special Class:-This was created in 1942 and treated as special, as the titles of this class,"Pradhanasiromani" and"Amatyasiromani" were considered to be higher than A class titles. There have been only two recipients of this class of titles.

A1,A2,B1,C1 & C2:- These were created in 1944 by splitting classes A,B and C which henceforth were to be classed as A1 & A2,B1 & B2,C1 & C2. A1 was reserved for Dewans. Only one award has been made in this class.

Thus it will be seen that the Gandabherunda titles at present come under the following classification and are generally intended for award to persons as indicated:-

Class	
A1	Reserved for Dewans, Chief Minister etc.
A2	Chief Justice
B1	Ministers, Judges of High Court, Important Sirdars.
B2	Heads of Departments
C1	Persons who have rendered noteworthy public service by liberal charities or otherwise.
C2	Persons who have ~~xhxxx~~ attained proficiency in fine arts or have given liberal charities.
D	Scholars and Musicians.

The above is only a general analysis. There have been exceptional cases of a B1 class award being made to private persons for outstanding public service and a C1 class award being made to a retired departmental head.

As already stated the values of jewels and khillats have varied from year to year and the following statement will give a general idea of the value:-

(1) Special Class	Jewels	Rs.10000/-
	Khillats	Rs.600/-
(2) A Class	Jewels	Rs.3000/-to Rs.4000/-
	Khillats	Rs.595 to Rs.745/-
(3) A1 Class	Jewels	Rs.6400/-
	Khillats	Rs 851/4
(4) A2 Class	Jewels	Rs.3850/-
	Khillats	Rs.525/-
(5) B Class	Jewels	Rs 1500/- to Rs.2069/-
	Khillats	Rs 460/- to Rs.630/-
(6) B1 Class	Jewels	Rs 3025/- to Rs.3100/-
	Khillats	Rs 450/- to Rs.500/-
(7) B2 Class	Jewels	Rs 700/- to Rs 2125/-
	Khillats	Rs 350/- to Rs 450/-
(8) C Class	Jewels	Rs 700/- to Rs.750/-
	Khillats	Rs 330/- to Rs 350/-
(9) C1 Class	Jewels	Rs 1025/- to Rs.1100/-
	Khillats	Rs 350/- to Rs 400/-
(10)C2 Class	Jewels	Rs 1050/-
	Khillats	Rs 275/-
(11)D Class	Gold Bangle	Rs 500/- to Rs.1050/-
	Khillats	Rs ~~xxx~~ 181/- to Rs.200/-

Since 1892, the total number of Gandabherunda titles awarded is 304. The nomenclature shows that there is no strict coordination between the class of a title and its name. Thus the following titles may be in any of the classes mentioned, depending on the person on whom it is conferred and the value of the jewels and khillats:-

(1) Pradhanasiromani: Special Class, A.
(2) Rajasabhabhushana: B,B1,C.
(3) Rajadharmapravina: A,A2,B.

C Class (Contd.)	Lokasevanirata	Siraj-ul-Ulma
	Lokasevasakta	Fakhr-ul-Tujjar
	Lokasevaparayane	Moin-ul-Vizarath
	Janopakari	Fakhr-ul-Hukma
	Vanigratnam	Nazim-ul-Tujjar
	Vidyavisharada	Quaid-ul-Mulk
	Gurusevapravina	Shafik-ul-Mulk
	Arthasastravisarada	Rajasilpavisharada
	Jawahar-e-Majlis	Dharmapravarthaka
	Shaik-ul-Mashayakin	Praktanavimarsanavichakshana.
C1 Class:	Rajasevasakta	Dharmaratnakara
	Dharmaprakasa	Dharmapravartha
C2 Class:	Rajasevasakta	Sangitasastravisarada
	Dharmaniratha	Swarnakalanipuna
	Najm-ut-Tujjar	Dharmapravartha
	Lokasevaniratha	Dharmaparayane
D Class:	Panditaratnam	Sangitasastravisarada
	Vidyanidhi	Sangitaratnakara
	Vedantavisarada	Sangitaratnam
	Kavithilaka	Gayakasikhamani
	Asthanakaviratnna	Vainikapravina
	Karnataka Bhasha Ratna	Ganavisarada
	Jyotisharatnam	Vainikashikamani
	Vidyabhushanam	Vastukalasevasakta
	Vidyaratnam	Dharmapravartha
	Vedaratnam	Natakaratnam
	Mimamsaratnam	Lokasevanirata
	Pouranikaratnam	Dharmaparayane
	Sahityaratnam	Aftab-e-Sitar
	Sasanavidyavibhushana	Aftan-e-Musiki
	Gurusevasakta	

20.9.50.

K. Narasimhaiengar
for Huzur Secretary.
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

RKS

Date. 4.10.1950.

No. 9677/CS.

The Huzur Secretary to His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore, Mysore.

Ref: Correspondence ending with your letter No.A2.
128-48/50-51 dated 20th September 1950.

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In connection with the above, I am directed to request you kindly to arrange to send two complete sets of photographic copies of the designs of Gandaberunda Jewels.

The matter may kindly be treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- 4/10/50

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Appendix F G—1] No. 4

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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File No.

Serial No.

No. 10948/CB Dt. 30.10.50

To

The Huzur Secretary to His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore, Mysore.

Sir,

Reference This office letter No. 9677/CB dated 4/10/1950.

Photographic Copies referred to in the letter may kindly be sent very early

Yours faithfully

for Chief Secretary to Govt

28.10.50.

WD 02703—GPB—17,000—28-4-48

C.12/Encl.one file.

The Palace,

Mysore,

23rd July 1942.

My dear Mr Madhava Rau,

With reference to your letter dated the 22nd instant, I am desired to return herewith the original designs of the Gandabherunda Jewels which were received with your letter dated the 11th April 1942.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. T.Thumboo Chetty.

Rajamantrapravina
N. Madhava Rau, Esq.,B.A.,B.L.,
Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.

(Copy)

1-11-50

Bangalore,

No.81. 24th July 1942.

My dear Mr Thumboo Chetty,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.C.12 of yesterday's date, along with the original designs of the Gandabherunda jewels returned with it.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. N.Madhava Rau

Rajasabhabhushana
T. Thumboo Chetty,O.B.E.,
Private Secretary to H.H.the Maharaja
of Mysore, Mysore.

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1-11-50

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 11532/CB
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Dated Bangalore, 17th November 1950.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

To

L.F.Guille,Esquire,
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer
of the Orders, Decorations and Medals,
Research Society of Great Britain,
3 Lapworth Court, 6 Fourth Avenue,
Hove 3, SUSSEX. (United Kingdom)

SIR,

SUBJECT: History of Order, Decorations and Medals and details of their Institution and reasons of award.

I am directed to enclose herewith copies of two notes on the subject mentioned above as requested by the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja Rajasaheb of Dharangadhra, and to state that it is regretted that photographs and ribbon are not available. A few copies of coloured drawings are sent herewith. They may kindly be returned as soon as possible.

I am to add that, with the inauguration of the New Constitution of India with effect from the 26th January 1950, the award of titles, medals etc. by the State has been abolished.

Yours faithfully,

(SD) K. Srinivasan.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF MYSORE.

Memo No. 11533/CB.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Rajasaheb of Dharangadhra, Huzur Office, Ajitnivas Palace, Dhrangadhra, with reference to his letter No.C/3-3 dated 3rd December 1949 addressed to the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF MYSORE.